

**272.12 Para-educator certificates.**

The board of educational examiners shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) relating to a voluntary certification system for para-educators. The rules shall specify rights, responsibilities, levels, and qualifications for the certificate. Applicants shall be disqualified for any reason specified in [section 272.2, subsection 14](#), or in administrative rule. Notwithstanding [section 272.2, subsection 14](#), paragraph “b”, subparagraph (2), the board may issue a para-educator certificate to a person who is at least eighteen years of age. A person holding a para-educator certificate shall not perform the duties of a licensed practitioner. A certificate issued pursuant to [this chapter](#) shall not be considered a teacher or administrator license for any purpose specified by law, including the purposes specified under [this chapter](#) or [chapter 279](#).

[98 Acts, ch 1216, §23; 2000 Acts, ch 1098, §5; 2000 Acts, ch 1223, §31; 2002 Acts, ch 1128, §2](#)

Referred to in [§256.7](#)